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SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFICIALS' REQUEST FOR US PLANT VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 175418; (B) MOSCOW 10749; (C) TELEX DATED
OCTOBER 24 FROM SCIENTIFIC ATLANTA (REPEATED DEPARTMENT/
EB/TT/TD/JOHN O'NEILL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AS REQUESTED BY SCIENTIFIC-ATLANTA
PRESIDENT SIDNEY TOPOL, EMBASSY HAS SOUGHT TO LEARN PURPOSE,
TIMING AND IDENTIFY OF SOVIET CITIZENS INVOLVED IN PROPOSED
US VISIT BY DELEGATION FROM MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY. FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICE OF MINISTRY
INFORMED US TODAY THAT GROUP WILL INCLUDE FOUR INDIVIDUALS
(THREE EXPERTS AND ONE INTERPRETER) WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN
CHOSEN AND THAT IT HOPES DELEGATION WILL LEAVE MOSCOW FOR
NEW YORK ON AEROFLOT FLIGHT 311 DECEMBER 7, RETURNING TO
MOSCOW VIA AEROFLOT DECEMBER 18. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY,
PURPOSE IS TO VISIT SCIENTIFIC-ATLANTA IN RESPONSE TO
INVITATION RECEIVED FROM TOPOL. MINISTRY INTENDS TELEX TOPOL
TODAY TO REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF INVITATION.

2. IN REPLY TO TOPOL'S FINAL QUESTION, EMBASSY CANNOT
CONFIRM THAT USSR IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING SYNCHRONOUS
SATELLITES AND A GROUND STATION NETWORK IN NEAR FUTURE.
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3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. FOLLOWING FORTHCOMING

LONDON MEETING DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE PROVIDE ANSWER
TO TOPOL'S FINAL QUESTION. TO DATE FOREIGN MINISTRY
HAS NOT SUBMITTED VISA REQUEST FOR THIS GROUP, SO
MEMBERSHIP IS NOT NOW AVAILABLE TO US. END LIMITED
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4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS INFORMATION IN PARAS 1 AND
2 ABOVE TO SIDNEY TOPOL, PRESIDENT, SCIENTIFIC-
ATLANTA, TELEX 54-2898.
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